

MINUTES

**MONTANA SENATE
61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order: CHAIRMAN KELLY GEBHARDT, on January 7, 2009 at
3:00 P.M., in Room 422 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Debby Barrett, Vice Chairman (R)
Sen. Aubyn Curtiss (R)
Sen. Ken (Kim) Hansen (D)
Sen. Christine Kaufmann (D)
Sen. Jim Keane (D)
Sen. Gary L. Perry (R)
Sen. David E. Wanzonried (D)

Members Excused:

Sen. Kelly Gebhardt, Chairman (R)
Sen. Jim Peterson (R)
Sen. Donald J. Steinbeisser (R)
Sen. Mitch Tropila (D)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Lindsey Hern, Committee Secretary
Sonja Nowakowski, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 25, 1/2/2009; SB 39, 1/2/2009

Executive Action: SB 25 1/7/2009; SB 39, 1/7/2009

[EXHIBIT](#)(nas03a01)

HEARING ON SB 39

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:39:01 **SEN. CAROL JUNEAU (D)**, SD 8, opened the hearing on **SB 39**, Extend duration of reserved water rights compact commission.

[EXHIBIT](#)(nas03a02)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:42:55 James Steele JR., Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes Chairman

00:46:43 Rep. Gordon Hendrick

00:47:58 Ruben Mathias, Tribal Council Member

00:50:34 Carol Lankford, Tribal Council Member

00:51:48 Rep. Frosty Calf Boss Ribs

[EXHIBIT](#)(nas03a03)

00:53:45 Sen. Sharon Stewart Peregoy

00:54:57 Sen. Jon Brueggman

00:57:26 Rep. Troy Belcourt

00:58:05 Rep. John Fleming

00:58:42 Rep. Shannon Augare

01:00:14 John Carter, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes, Tribal Attorney

01:06:00 Clayton Matt

01:14:14 Sen. Jessie Laslovich

01:17:15 Jon Metropoulos

01:22:01 Chris Tweeten, Chairman of the Compact Commission

01:30:45 Mike Murphy, Montana Resource Association

01:32:32 Bob Lain, Chief Council for the Department of Fish and
Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

EXHIBIT(nas03a04)

01:33:08 Don McIntyre, Northwest Montana Association of Realtors

EXHIBIT(nas03a05)

01:36:08 Glenn Oppel, Montana Association of Realtors

01:36:43 Joe Clairmont

Opponents' Testimony:

None

Informational Testimony:

01:39:21 John Tubbs, Department of Natural Resource and
Conservation (DNRC)

01:39:46 Barb Smith, Legislative Fiscal Division

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:40:23 Sen. Ken Hansen

01:40:29 Sen. Juneau

01:41:06 Sen. Hansen

01:41:15 Sen. Juneau

01:42:01 Sen. Hansen

01:42:06 Sen. Juneau

Closing by Sponsor:

01:42:41 Sen. Juneau

HEARING ON SB 25

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:46:07 SEN. DAVID WANZENRIED (D), SD 49, opened the hearing on
SB 25, Repeal certain contingent provisions in coal and
uranium mine reclamation laws.

EXHIBIT(nas03a06)

Proponents' Testimony:

None

Opponents' Testimony:

None

Informational Testimony:

01:48:51 John Arrigo, Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:49:19 Sen. Kaufman

01:49:32 Mr. Arrigo, DEQ

01:49:57 Sen. Garry Perry

01:50:23 Sen. Wanzenried

Closing by Sponsor:

None

Prior to Executive Action Senator Gebhardt and Senator Tropila returned to the meeting.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 25

01:51:43 **Motion/Vote:** SEN. PERRY moved that **SB 25 DO PASS**.
Motion carried 10-0 by roll call vote. Senators Peterson
and Steinbeisser voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 39

01:54:15 **Motion:** SEN. PERRY moved that **SB 39 DO PASS**.

Discussion:

01:54:44 Chairman Gebhardt

01:55:00 Rep. Stewart-Pergoy

01:55:28 Sen. Barrett

01:55:39 Chairman Gebhardt

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01:55:53 **Vote:** Motion carried 10-0 by roll call vote. Senators
Peterson and Steinbeisser voted by proxy.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 5:20 P.M.

LINDSEY HERN, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([nas03aad.pdf](#))